



Missouri 2013 Prospective Plantings



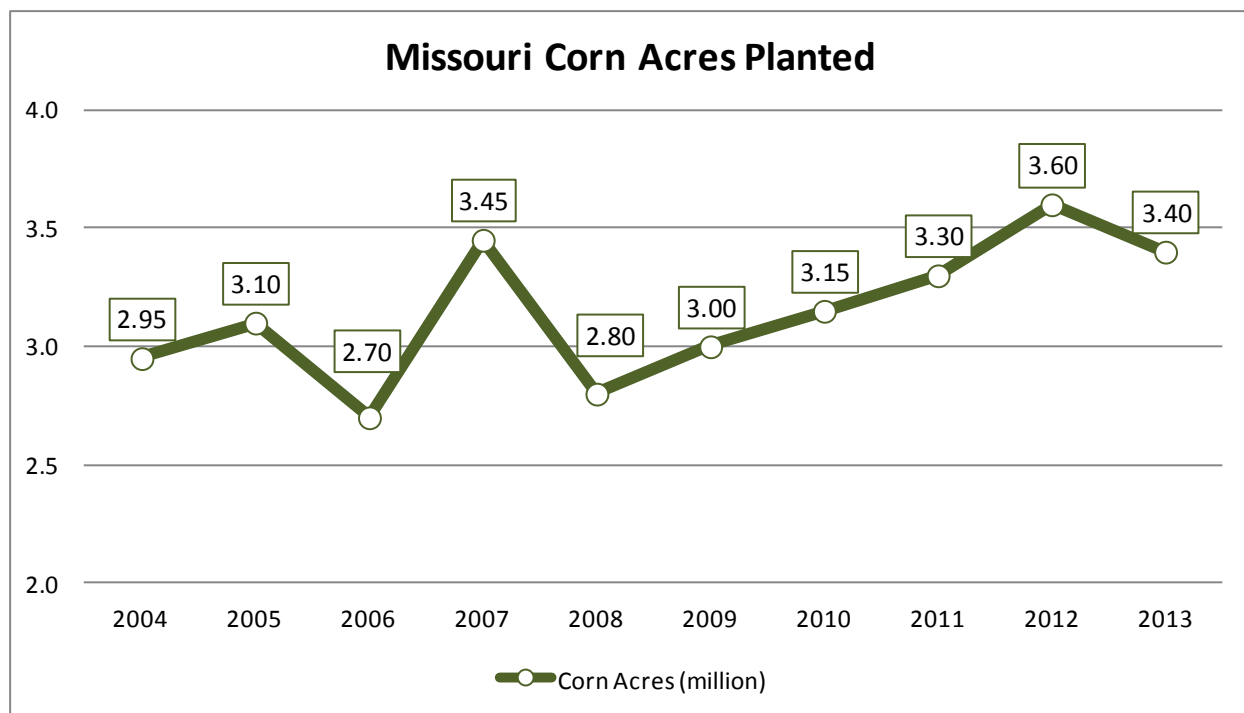
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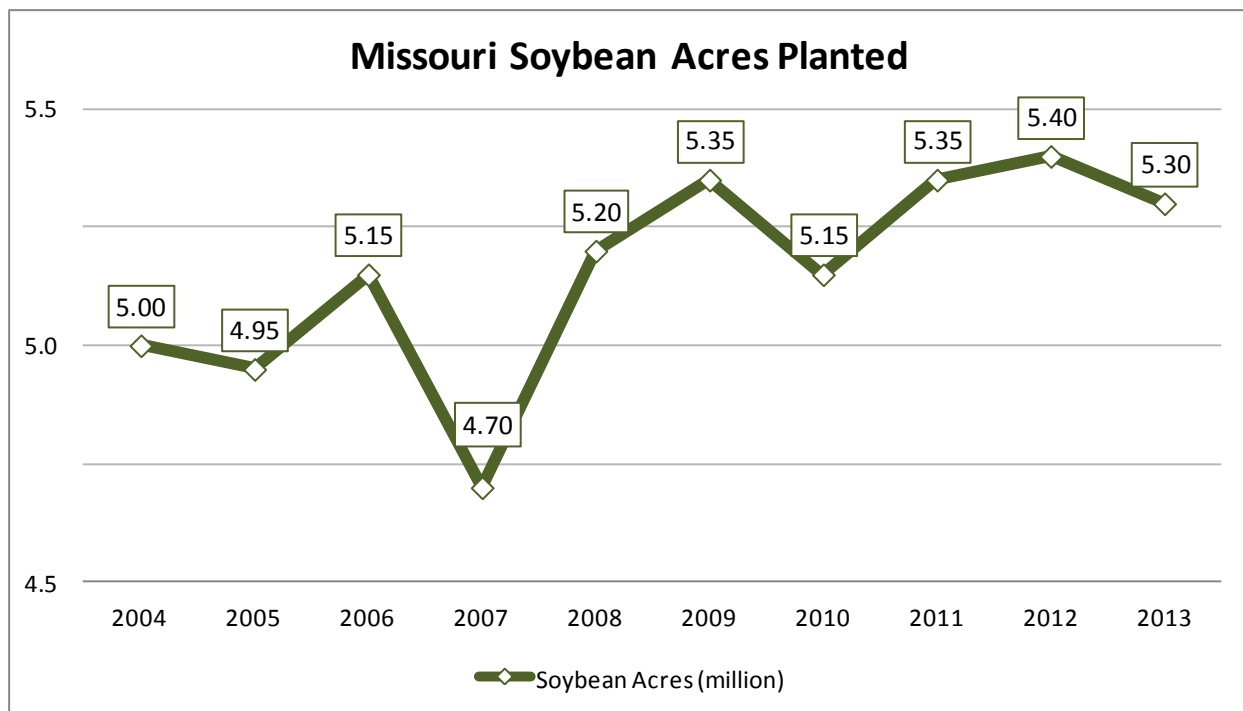
Missouri Intended Corn and Soybeans Acres Down

Missouri farmers reported their planting intentions for the upcoming growing season in an annual survey conducted by the USDA-NASS. As of March 1, intended acreage in corn, soybean, cotton and rice is expected to be lower than last year while more acreage is intended for sorghum, hay, wheat and oats. Following last year's drought, crop prices remain high. And, though winter rains and snows have helped relieve the drought in many places in the state, the northwestern corner of the state is still experiencing drought conditions. Actual planted acreage may differ from these intentions as farmers consider weather and market conditions prior to planting.

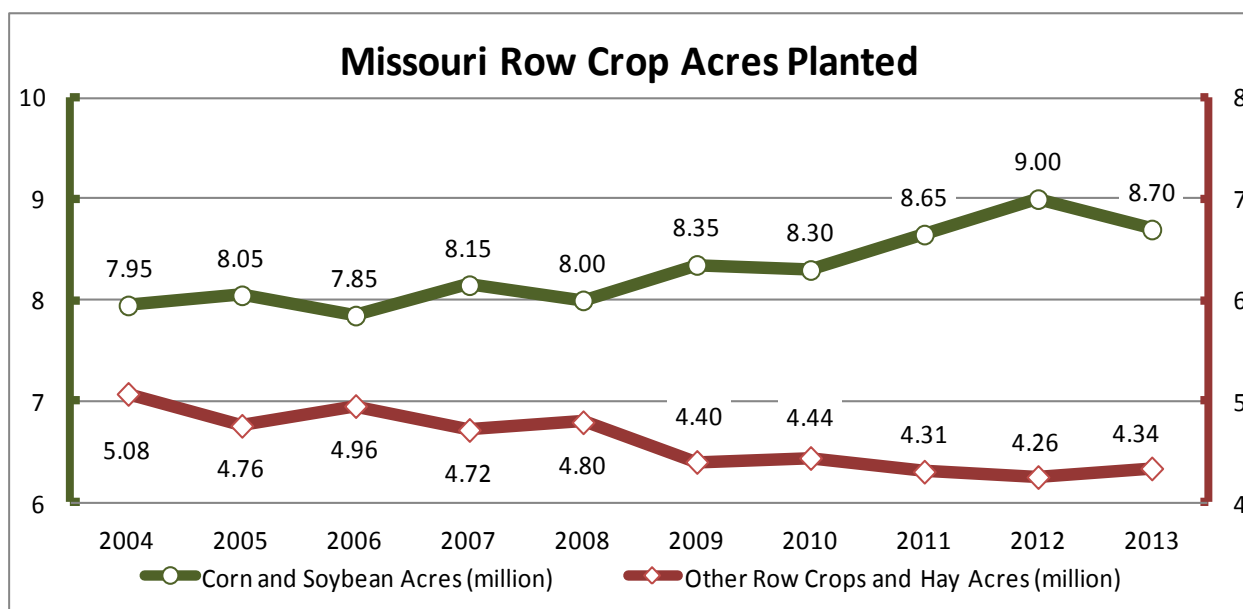


Corn acreage planted by **Missouri** farmers is expected to be 3.40 million acres in 2013. That is 200 thousand acres below last year, when the most corn was planted in the state since 1960. This would still be the third most corn acres planted in the state in the last forty years.

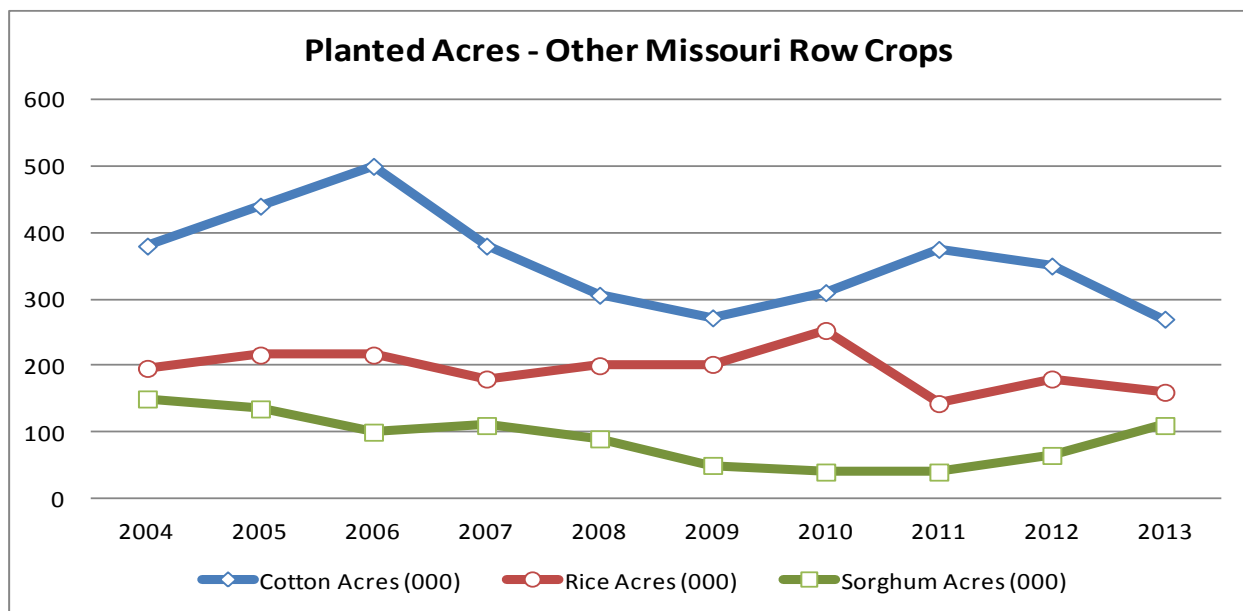
Soybean planted acres in **Missouri** are estimated at 5.30 million acres, 100 thousand acres below last year's 5.4 million acres and down slightly from 2011 when 5.35 million acres were planted. This is the sixth consecutive year of 5 million or more soybean acres planted in the state.



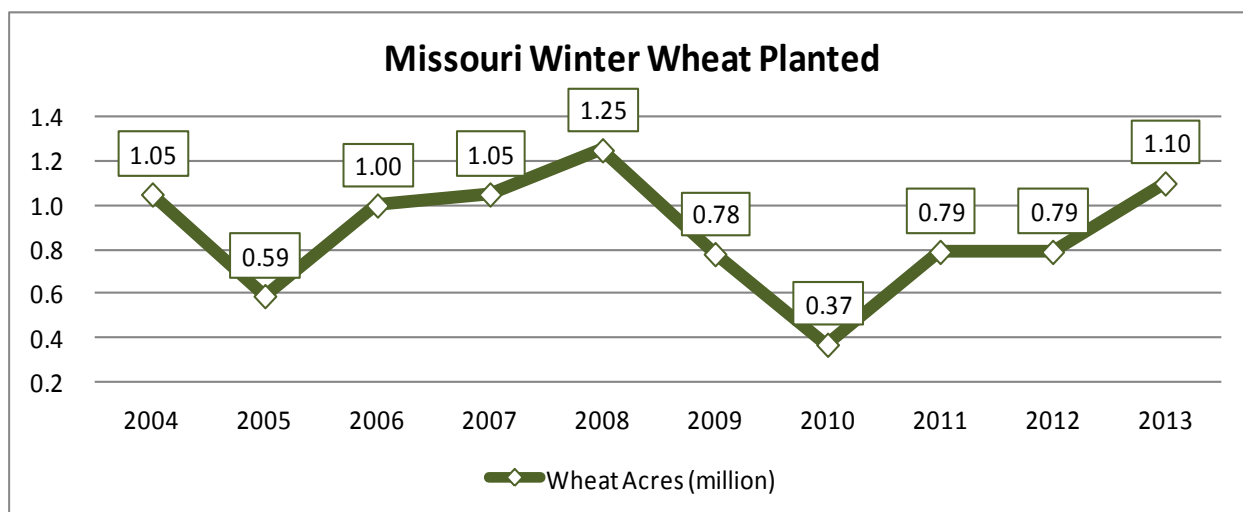
Combined **corn** and **soybean** acres planted across the state has increased by about one million acres in the last ten years. There has been a corresponding 700,000 acre decrease in the number of acres planted to the other row crops (sorghum, cotton, rice) and hay. In 2012, about 200,000 acres not previously planted to row crops were planted to row crops, mainly to corn.



Sorghum is the only row crop expected to increase in acreage from 2012. As of March 1, farmers intended to plant 110 thousand acres in **Missouri**, up 45 thousand (69%) from last year and 70 thousand acres above the 2011 total. This would be the highest planted acreage since 2007. **Cotton** producers in **Missouri** expect to plant 270,000 acres this year, a drop of 80 thousand acres (23%) from last year. If realized, this would be the least amount of cotton planted in the state since 1990. **Rice** acreage is also expected to fall this year. **Missouri** farmers expect to plant 160 thousand acres this year, a decrease of 20 thousand acres (11%) from last year and the second lowest total in the last ten years.



Winter wheat acreage in **Missouri** is estimated at 1.1 million acres, 100 thousand acres above the December estimate. This is an increase of 310 thousand acres (39%) over last year and the most since the 1.25 million acres planted in 2008. Acres of **hay** intended for harvest is estimated at 3.8 million, 140 thousand more than in 2012 and the most in three years.



U.S. Highlights: **Corn** growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year and 6 percent higher than in 2011. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2013 is estimated at 77.1 million acres, down slightly from last year but the fourth highest on record, if realized. Compared with 2012, planted area is down across the Great Plains with the exception of North Dakota.

All **wheat** planted area for 2013 is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012. The 2013 **winter wheat** planted area, at 42.0 million acres, is 2 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2013 is expected to total 12.7 million acres, up 3 percent from 2012.

All **cotton** planted area for 2013 is expected to total 10.0 million acres, 19 percent below last year. Upland area is expected to total 9.82 million acres, down 19 percent from 2012.

U.S. Report: <http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/ProsPlan/ProsPlan-03-28-2013.pdf>

Summary of 2013 Missouri Planting Intentions

Crop	Acres Planted			Percent of Previous Year
	2011	2012	2013*	
Soybeans	5,350,000	5,400,000	5,300,000	98
Corn	3,300,000	3,600,000	3,400,000	94
Cotton	375,000	350,000	270,000	77
Rice	143,000	180,000	160,000	89
Sorghum For Grain	40,000	65,000	110,000	169
Row Crop Total	9,208,000	9,595,000	9,240,000	96
Wheat Winter	790,000	790,000	1,100,000	139
Oats	15,000	20,000	25,000	125
Small Grain Total	805,000	810,000	1,125,000	139
Crop Total	10,013,000	10,405,000	10,365,000	100
Hay All (Dry)	3,750,000	3,660,000	3,800,000	104

* Planting Intentions as of March 1

The acreage estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March. The March Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of over 83,500 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the United States have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2013 crop year.